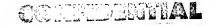
NSC BRIEFING



23 January 1957

ALGERIA

- I. UN discussion (end Jan) may be signal for bloody outbreaks in Algeria: French troops now engaged in "great show of force" to forestall trouble.
 - A. Rebels calling for general strike at time of UN debate.
 - B. One rebel spokesman says strong military offensive will accompany: heavy rebel reserves reportedly being concentrated.
 - C. 1.2 million European "colons" in violent mood: may take initiative themselves.
 - D. French forces (400,000) not likely to repress "colon" attacks;

 Paris reports strong pro-"colon" sympathy among junior

 officers, non-coms.
 - Three generals "disciplined" for ties with "colon" independence plotting.
- II. In UN, France may join procedural maneuver to shelve Algerian issue after debate.
 - A. France has apparently abandoned plan to demand vote on issue of UN competence in "internal" matter.
 - B. However, France has not given up threat to withdraw from UN if Afro-Asians win UN condemnation of French.

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HIC BRIEFING

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ALGERIA

- I. US Consul General in Algeria reported 22 Jan that French army in city is putting on "great show of force" to forestall possible outbreaks coincident with UN discussion of Algerian question (end of Jan).
 - A. European-Hoslem tension throughout Algeria is at all-time high.
 - B. Acts either by rebels, Prench "colons" (total: 1.2 million), or French military (total: 400,000) might ignite explosion.
- II. Rebels have rejected Mcllet's renewed 9 Jan bid for cease-fire without prior political commitments.
 - A. Rebels calling for weck-long "general strike" at time of UN debate.
 - French security chief in Algiers has threatened to break open any Moslem shop observing strike.
 - 2. Rebels threaten retaliatory action for non-observance.
 - B. Rebel spokesman in Tripeli claims strong military offensive will be timed with strike.
 - C. Others claim heavy rebel reserves are concentrating for action if WM fails them.
 - D. "Colous" (European settlers) have set up own headquarters to coordinate reprisal activities.
 - 1. May try counteraction to strike or to unfavorable UE developments.
 - T. Pessinistic Mayor of Algiers claims only permanent solution Approved and approximate 2002/07/03: CIA-RDP79R00890A000800030035-8

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- III. French military unlikely to suppress any "colon" attacks on Mosleus: night even support them.
 - A. Paris officials say French junior officers and non-coms sympathetic with Kuropean residents.
 - B. Three French generals recently disciplined for involvement in alleged "colon" plot to establish Algerian "white republic."
- IV. In UK French may support procedural maneuver to shelve Algerian issue after discussion.
 - A. French have apparently abandoned earlier plan to domand vote on issue of UE competence to consider "internal" matter.
 - B. However, France has not given up threat to withdraw from UM, should Afro-Asian Bloc achieve official UN condemnation of French activities in Algeria.